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SUBJ: VISIT OF ALGERIAN GRAIN PURCHASER

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1. BOUALEM ESSEMIANI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF OFFICE ALGERIEN INTERPROFESSIONNEL DES CEREALS (OAIC), HAS DEPARTED ALGIERS ON GRAIN BUYING TRIP TO ARGENTINA, U.S.A. AND CANADA. HE WILL BE IN WASHINGTON AROUND MARCH 10 FOR A WEEK AND ASK FOR ASSISTANCE.

2. ESSEMIANI INITIATED REQUEST TO MEET WITH U.S. COOPERATIVE WHEAT GROWER ASSOCIATIONS, REFTELS. HE HAS CONTACTED LIST SUPPLIED BY USDA AND HOPES TO FOLLOW UP WITH CONVERSATIONS WITH THOSE ORGANIZATIONS WHILE IN WASHINGTON. HE ASKED USDA'S HELP IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS WHICH HE HAS ALREADY REQUESTED BY CABLE. ALGERIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WILL BE HIS CONTACT POINT.

3. ESSEMIANI ALSO WISHES TO MEET WITH JOSEPH HALOW OF GREAT PLAINS WHEAT TO DISCUSS LONG TERM PURCHASE AGREEMENTS AND TRAINING PROGRAM FOR ALGERIANS IN U.S.A.

3. FINALLY, IN WASHINGTON, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS ESSEMIANI

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MEET WITH OFFICIALS FROM USDA. NATURAL TOPICS WOULD

BE LONG TERM PURCHASE AGREEMENTS, NEED FOR MORE ACCURATE
FIGURES ON ALGERIAN GRAIN PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION,
THIS YEAR' CROP FORECAST, TRAINING, STORAGE, FERTILIZER
PRODUCTION, AND LARGE AGRO-BUSINESS COMPLEXES.
UNFORTUNATELY OAIC IS NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE LATTER
TWO AREAS, BUT OUR INTEREST SHOULD BE EXPRESSED.

5. FINALLY, ESSEMIANI EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN VISITING
THE CHICAGO WHEAT EXCHANGE.

6. ESSEMIANI IS YOUNG AND CHARACTERISTIC OF NEW
GERNERATION OF ALGERIANS. AT THE MOMENT HE IS VERY MUCH
NUMBER TWO TO DIRECTOR LOUHIBI IN OAIC, BUT HIS
YOUTHFUL LOOK SHOULD NOT BE MISUNDERSTOOD. HE IS VERY
SHARP AND SMOOTH OPERATOR. ESSEMIANI DOES NOT SPEAK
ENGLISH, BUT EMBASSY BELIEVES HE UNDERSTANDS MORE
THAN HE LETS ON.PARKER

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